

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

Pursuant to A.C.A. 20-76-201, the Director, Division of Children and Family Services issues the proposed Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR), FFY 2003. The Annual Progress and Services Report is submitted to the federal government on an annual basis and documents the State of Arkansas' progress in achieving the stated goals and objectives for improved outcomes for children and families and an effective service delivery system.

For copies of the proposed documents or to submit comments, contact: Division of Children and Family Services, P.O. Box 1437, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437, Attention: Policy Unit, (Slot S570). All comments must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the date appearing below or 30 days following the date of the newspaper notice, whichever is the longer period. If you need any material in a different format, such as large print, contact our Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at 682-8830 (Voice) or 682-1442 (TDD). The Arkansas Department of Human Services is in compliance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act and operates, manages and delivers services without regard to age, religion, disability, political affiliation, veteran status, sex, race, color or national origin.

Roy Kindle
Director, DCFS

Date

SUMMARY EXPLANATION (STATEMENT OF PURPOSE)

Subject: Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR) 2003

The Annual Progress and Services Report details the services the state has provided under the federal Title IV-B program. The state of Arkansas is required by federal law to report, on an annual basis, the progress made in the past fiscal year toward meeting each a goal and objective, including improved outcomes for children and families, and a more comprehensive, coordinated, effective child and family services continuum. Service areas detailed in the report include child protective services, foster care, adoption, family preservation services, and independent living. The submission of the APSR is required as a condition of receiving federal allotments for the provision of stated services.